DIEV ET MON DROIT.

By the King.

A Proclamation for Ambaſſadours and forreigne Miniſters.

THE Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie, conſidering the great Priuiledges, which by the Lawes of GOD and Nations are attributed vnto the perſons of Ambaſſadors, Agents, and publique Miniſters of forreigne Princes and States, and the great Reuerence and Reſpect, which of right appertaineth vnto them, and weighing the manifold and important Reaſons thereof, and how neerely euery ſmall neglect and diſreſpect of them, toucheth not onely thoſe Princes and States by whom they are imployed, but all others in example and conſequence, and as a neceſſarie dependant thereupon, the vniuerſall Weale and tranquillitie of all Kingdomes and States, hauing entercourſe, commerce, or correſpondence together; And willing that as great obſeruance be vſed towards them within this his Maieſties Realme, as in other the beſt gouerned Kingdomes and Nations; Hath thought fit hereby to forewarne all perſons whatſoeuer, That they not onely forbeare to vſe any inſolencie, miſbehauiour, inciuilitie, diſgrace, or affront, vnto any Ambaſſadors, Agents, or publique Miniſters of any forreigne Princes or States, and their followers, ſeruants, and attendants, but alſo doe vpon all occaſions performe vnto them, all ſuch reuerence, reſpect and courteſie, both in ſpeech, geſture and otherwiſe, as is moſt fitting to proceede from perſons of ciuill behauiour, vnto men of that eminencie for place and employment, vpon paine of his Maieſties higheſt indignation and diſpleaſure, and ſuch ſeuere puniſhment as the offenders of this his Royall Command may deſerue. And his Maieſtie doeth hereby charge and command, not onely the Lords of his Maieſties Priuie Councell, but alſo all Maiors, Sheriffes, Juſtices of Peace, and all other his Maieſties Officers, Miniſters and Subiects, That they, and euery of them in their ſeuerall places, doe not onely vſe their beſt endeauour to preuent and reſtraine all inſolencies, miſbehauiours, and offences afore-mentioned, but alſo take order that all offenders therein may receiue ſpeedie and condigne puniſhment according to their demerits, to the terror and example of others.

Giuen at Our Court at Whitehall, the eight day of March, in the one and twentieth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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